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bubonic plague. I am pleased to report that no fresh cases have developed and, seemingly, all danger of a spread of the disease has passed.

Respectfully,

JOHN P. BRAY,  
*Consul-General.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, *January 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that I have, in terms of the Venice sanitary convention, received the following dispatch from the chief secretary of the province, viz:

"An absconding German seaman named Eppstein, aged 18, from ship *Formosa*, from New York to Port Adelaide, six weeks in colony, died on January 12, after twenty-six days' illness. Disease, *pestis bubonica hæmorrhagica*. Body interred with all disinfecting precautions in quarantine island. All infected materials and bacteriological cultures destroyed by fire. Hospital where patient died put in strict quarantine. Boy, aged 9, from country town where Eppstein stayed in the colony, admitted on January 5 with disease now proved to be bubonic plague; isolated under surveillance in same hospital.

Kindly inform the Department of State at Washington of the above facts.

Respectfully,

CHAS. A. MURPHY,  
*U. S. Consular Agent.*

J. P. BRAY, Esq., *United States Consul-General.*

BELGIUM.

*Report from Antwerp*

ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *March 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the steamship *Kensington* sailed from this port on the 3d instant, carrying 61 cabin and 707 steerage passengers. Twenty-six were refused passage, of which number 5 were definitely rejected. The remainder were detained for observation or were members of families in which was found a case of trachoma. The baggage was not inspected and bore no labels when shipped.

Respectfully,

E. K. SPRAGUE,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

BRAZIL.

*Vital statistics of Bahia for July and August, 1899.*

BAHIA, BRAZIL, *February 7, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report setting forth the vital statistics of Bahia for the months of July and August, 1899. This is compiled in this consulate from the official report which is to-day published in the official paper.

Respectfully,

H. W. FURNISS,  
*United States Consul.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

*Vital statistics of Bahia for months of July and August, 1899.*

	July.	August.		July.	August.
Maximum temperature.....	26.5	26.5	Marriages.....	36	16
Minimum temperature.....	23	23	Deaths—		
Average temperature.....	25	24.4	Male.....	271	234
Average relative humidity...	86.98	86.53	Female.....	181	158
Rainfall.....	200 <sup>mm</sup>	214 <sup>mm</sup>	Nationality—		
Rainy days.....	15	15	African.....	32	11
Prevailing winds.....	N.E.E.N.	N.E.NE.	Brazilian.....	411	370
Cases of infectious diseases—			English.....	1	1
Yellow fever.....	a 39	b 14	French.....	2	0
Male.....	28	12	Greek.....	1	0
Female.....	11	2	German.....	0	1
Treated in hospital.....	14	7	Italian.....	3	1
Died.....	5	5	Portuguese.....	8	4
Treated in residence.....	25	7	Spanish.....	2	3
Died.....	14	4	Swiss.....	1	0
Smallpox—			Cause of death—		
Male.....	4	6	Beriberi.....	13	12
Female.....	2	0	Enteric fever.....	12	6
Nationality—			Leprosy.....	0	0
Brazilian.....	6	5	Smallpox.....	1	3
Spanish.....	0	1	Typhus fever.....	0	0
Race—			Yellow fever.....	19	9
White.....	0	2	Asthma.....	0	0
Negro.....	2	1	Bright's disease.....	5	11
Mixed.....	4	3	Bronchitis.....	7	11
Had at some time			Carcinoma.....	4	2
been vaccinated.....	5	0	Cerebral hemorrhage		
Had never been vac-			and congestion.....	19	.....
inated.....	1	6	Diabetes.....	2	2
Treated in hospital...	6	6	Diarrhea and dysen-		
Died.....	1	3	tery.....	40	53
Lepers in hospital at close of			Diseases of circulatory		
last month—			system.....	49	51
Male.....	12	12	Malarial fevers.....	60	18
Female.....	3	3	Meningitis.....	6	1
Entered during month—			Nephritis.....	13	11
Male.....	0	1	Pneumonia.....	2	2
Births—			Syphilis.....	7	1
Alive.....	23	24	Tetanus.....	6	1
Male.....	12	12	Tetanus neonatorum.....	1	10
Female.....	3	3	Tuberculosis, pulmo-		
Legitimate.....	14	15	nary.....	53	70
Illegitimate.....	9	9	Other causes.....	133	198
Stillborn.....	19	19	Died in hospital.....	114	106

a Acclimatization—Four less than one month, 1 of two months, 1 of three months, 11 of six months, 2 of seven months, 1 of eight months, 1 of ten months, 1 of one year, 5 of one and one-half years, 3 of two years, 1 of three and one-half years, 2 of four years, 1 of six years, 4 unknown.

Nationality—Brazilian, 21; Portuguese, 2; French, 2; English, 5; Italian, 2; Spanish, 1; Swiss, 1. Race—White, 29; black, 2, and mixed, 8.

b Acclimatization—One of one and one-half months, 2 of six months, 2 of eight months, 1 of nine months, 2 of one year, 1 of one and one-half years, 1 of four years, 4 unknown.

Nationality—Brazilian, 6; Portuguese, 2; Italian, 1; Spanish, 3; Austrian, 1; Arab, 1. Race—White, 8; mixed, 4; unknown, 2.

## BRAZIL.

*Reports from Rio and Sao Paulo.**Sanitary report from Rio.*

RIO DE JANEIRO, February 14, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official reports for the weeks ended January 26 and February 2. There were, during the week ended January 26, 280 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 18 as compared with the preceding week; 9 deaths from accessio pernicioso, an increase of 2; 9 deaths from yellow fever, an increase of 3; 15 deaths from smallpox, a decrease of 14; no death from typhoid fever, a decrease of 3; 1 death from diphtheria, none before; 1 death from measles, a decrease of 2; 2 deaths from beriberi, the same as before, and 51 deaths from tuberculosis, an increase of 2.